

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/073,640

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicant's Request for Continued Examination filed on 06/13/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12-15 (now renumbered as claims 1-9).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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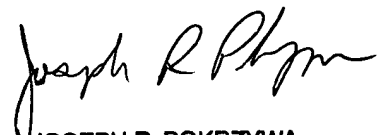
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

- This office action is responsive to the following communication: A Request for Continued Examination filed on 06/13/2006.
- Applicant's amendment received on 06/13/2006 has been entered and made of record.
- Currently **Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12-15** are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12-15 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12-15, in the examiner's opinion, it would not have been obvious to have the inventions as claimed, which includes the display of information relating to the spool state of printing jobs of each of the other network printing apparatuses in response to a preset operation. The closest prior art of record, cited Kageyama et al. (US Patent 5,625,757), teaches a network printing system, in which a plurality of computer devices and printing apparatuses are connected to the network, comprising: a spool section for spooling print jobs; a display section for displaying print job information and information of other network printing apparatuses in response to preset operations; an operating section for receiving a specification on one of the print jobs and a specification on one of the network printing apparatuses; and a transfer section for transferring the specified print job to the specified network printing apparatuses. Kageyama, however, fails to teach or suggest that the information of the other network printing apparatuses includes a "spool state of the printing jobs of each of the

other network printing apparatuses". Therefore, because of this feature, the claims are rendered allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vu B. Hang whose telephone number is (571) 272-0582. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:00am - 6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tylwer M. Lamb can be reached on (571) 272-7406. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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